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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN SUBCABINET TALKS: PRESS RELEASE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROPOSED FOLLOWING CHANGES IN PRESS
RELEASE ANNOUNCING SUBCABINET TALKS:

2. GOJ HAS NOT DETERMINED DEFINITELY WHO WILL REPRESENT JAPANESE
SIDE AND THEREFORE PROPOSES TO OMIT NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS. VICE
MINISTERS MASUDA OF MITI AND MATSUKAWA OF FINANCE WANT TO PARTI-
CIPATE, BUT IF THEY DO FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD HAVE TO FIELD A
REPRESENTATIVE OF HIGHER RANK THAN DEPUTY MINISTER YOSHINO. WE
EXPECT FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL DO DO BUT AT THIS TIME JAPANESE
PREFER TO OMIT NAMES. THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, IF NAMES
OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS ARE ANNOUNCED ON OUR SIDE ORALLY.

3. JAPANESE ALSO PROPOSE TO DROP TWO SENTENCES FROM LAST PARA-
GRAPH OF OUR DRAFT REFERRING TO U.S. AND JAPANESE ROLES IN WORLD
TRADE AND PAYMENTS AND WIDER DISCUSSIONS. FINANCE MINISTRY IS
CONCERNED THAT SUCH REFERENCES COULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD AND MIS-
INTERPRETED IN FXREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS. FOREIGN MINISTRY
RECOGNIZES THIS MAY SEEM OVERLY CAUTIOUS, BUT ASKS OUR INDULGENCE.
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4. FOREIGN MINISTRY SUGGESTS RELEASE TO PRESS AFTER SEPTEMBER 1,
PREFERABLY EARLY IN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5.

5. FULL REVISED TEXT AS CLEARED WITHIN GOJ IS AS GOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. (1) THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

HAVE AGREED TO HOLD SUBCABINET-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN ON SEPTEMBER 12TH AND 13TH IN TOKYO. THE TALKS ARE PART OF A CONTINUING MULTILATERAL EFFORT OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND COOPERATION IN SUCH FORUMS AS THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT, THE OECD MINISTERIAL, AND MEETINGS SUCH AS THOSE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND PRESIDENT CARTER EARLIER THIS YEAR. (2) THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS WILL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, TREASURY, COMMERCE AND THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THE JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS WILL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY. (3) THE TALKS WILL FOCUS ON A RANGE OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. LIKELY AGENDA ITEMS ARE THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, DEVELOPMENTS IN THE JAPANESE AND U.S. ECONOMIES, AND MULTILATERAL TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS. END TEXT.

6. MENTION OF SEVERAL GOJ AGENCIES IS DESIRED BY JAPANESE BUT MAY SEEM INCONSISTENT WITH U.S. DELEGATION WHICH WE WANT TO BE COMPACT. WE COULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY OMITTING THAT LIST FROM OUR RELEASE WHILE NOT OBJECTING IF GOJ DESIRES TO KEEP IT IN THEIR JAPANESE LANGUAGE RELEASE.

7. REQUEST STATE ARRANGE APPROPRIATE FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MESSAGE. MANSFIELD
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